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SUBJECT: SUHARTO VISIT: LOS

1. MINISTER JUSTICE MOCHTAR TOLD ME JUNE 25 PRESIDENT SUHARTO WOULD RAISE WITH PRESIDENT FORD DURING MEETING JULY 5 QUESTION OF U.S. ACCEPTANCE OF ARCHIPELAGO PRINCIPLE FOR LAW OF SEA CONFERENCE.

2. MOCHTAR SAID HE HAD NOT SUGGESTED PRESIDENT RAISE THIS, BUT PRESIDENT SUHARTO ATTACHED GREAT IMPORTANCE ACCEPTANCE THIS PRINCIPLE AS RECOGNITION INTEGRITY OF INDONESIA. ACCORDING MOCHTAR, ACCEPTANCE MEANS ACCEPTANCE ALSO OF INDONESIAN RIGHT TO REQUIRE SOME FORM NOTIFICATION FOR PASSAGE NAVAL VESSELS, BOTH ON SURFACE AND SUBMERGED, THROUGH ARCHIPELAGIC SEA LANES. MOCHTAR EXPLAINED INDONESIA HAD TO DO THIS TO GET SUPPORT OTHER MAJOR ARCHIPELAGIC STATES AND PARTICULARLY PHILIPPINES, ALTHOUGH IN PRACTICE INDONESIA WOULD NOT MAKE REQUIREMENT "ONEROUS". THERE WAS NO DESIRE INTERFERE WITH US NUCLEAR DEPLOYMENT. MOCHTAR ADDED, "BAHAMAS DON'T COUNT; OUR SITUATION IS DIFFERENT." MOCHTAR SAID HE RECOGNIZES THIS DIFFICULT FOR US BUT HOPES PRESIDENT FORD WILL NOT REJECT ARCHIPELAGIC CONCEPT OUT OF HAND; THIS COULD HAVE ADVERSE EFFECT ON VISIT. ACCORDING MOCHTAR, US ACCEPTANCE IN PRINCIPLE ARCHIPELAGO THEORY COULD HAVE GREATER IMPACT ON SUHARTO THAN SUBSTANTIAL MILITARY ASSISTANCE.

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3. I SAID IT HIGHLY UNLIKELY THAT US WOULD BE PREPARED TO ACCEPT NOTIFICATION FOR PASSAGE WARSHIPS BECAUSE OF PRECEDENT THIS WOULD SET FOR OTHER ARCHIPELAGIC STATES AND STRAITS. AT SAME TIME, I DOUBTED PRESIDENT FORD WOULD REJECT ARCHIPELAGIC PRINCIPLE OUT OF HAND BUT WOULD PROBABLY INDICATE OUR WILLINGNESS TO CONTINUE DISCUSSIONS WITH INDONESIANS.

4. MOCHTAR ASKED WHY US DID NOT ADOPT RUSSIAN STANCE WHICH IS TO ACCEPT PRINCIPLE, BUT SAY THAT DETAILS REMAIN TO BE DISCUSSED. RUSSIANS ALSO OPPOSE NOTIFICATION BUT THEY TAKE MORE POLITICAL APPROACH. I SAID WE HAD MORE AT STAKE THAN RUSSIANS.

5. COMMENT: I SUSPECT THAT MOCHTAR MAY HAVE PUT PRESIDENT SUHARTO UP TO THIS, ALTHOUGH IT IS TRUE PRESIDENT ATTACHES GREAT IMPORTANCE TO ARCHIPELAGO PRINCIPLE. IF MATTER SHOULD BE RAISED I STRONGLY RECOMMEND PRESIDENT FORD FINESSE QUESTION BY STATING THAT HE HOPES FRUITFUL DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN US CAN CONTINUE SO THAT WE CAN FIND AGREED BASIS FOR AGREEMENT WHICH WILL RECONCILE INDONESIA'S NEEDS WITH THOSE OF OUR WORLDWIDE DEPLOYMENT.  
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